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1. [] John Warner and George Cary talked with Jim Kendall and Glenn Smith concerning the question of appropriate information in special categories. We discussed the conversation of the Director and Senator Stennis wherein certain concerns of the Director were made known to Stennis. Within this general guidance we explained we would cooperate in making the substantive information required by the Committee available. However, there would have to be certain safeguards in connection with sources, no formal clearances and we would proceed on a step-by-step basis. Therefore, it was agreed the first step would be arrangements to bring Smith up to date on the Soviet atomic energy program and the date will be set for this next week.

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2. [] Following up yesterday's request, Senator Jacob Javits was shown the memorandum prepared in connection with THE BAY OF PIGS book which discussed certain points raised in the publisher's letter to Mr. Arends. Senator Javits was appreciative but offered no substantive comments.

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3. [] Talked with Representative Leslie Arends concerning THE BAY OF PIGS book. He reviewed the prepared memorandum on this subject. Pursuant to the Director's request, I raised with him for consideration the insertion of the contents of the memorandum in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. I pointed out to Mr. Arends that the memorandum bore a classification but that this was being reviewed to see if it could be declassified possibly with a few changes. Arends pointed out he had another letter from the publisher and made available a copy of it. In that letter it is pointed out that the NEW YORK TIMES will give it a front-page review this coming Sunday and suggested that we look at the matter further next week. In addition, Mr. Arends suggested that it might be appropriate on this occasion to have Mr. Vinson speak up on the subject. In any event, we will discuss this further next week.

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4. [] Talked with Robert Michaels discussing possible Subcommittee assignments in view of Mr. Cannon's death and Sheppard's retirement. Michaels indicated he doubted Mr. Mahon would make any changes the rest of this year but that next year there probably would be required quite a bit of reshuffling in order to assure appropriate assignments and that certainly more would be involved than simple seniority either on the full Committee or on the Defense Subcommittee.

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25X1 5. [] Met with Senator Thomas J. Dodd and brought him up to date on the most recent developments in the [] (See Memo for the Record for details.) The Senator agreed with our feeling that it would be helpful if a conclusion were reached by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and he will take this up with Chairman Eastland.

Without getting involved in any details, I advised Senator Dodd that there were two new books on the Agency, one of which had been published (THE BAY OF PIGS) and the other which had not (THE INVISIBLE GOVERNMENT) but which has been written by David Wise and Thomas Ross. I told the Senator it was my understanding that the book contained a complete rehash of the Downey/Fecteau cases, (Downey's mother is a constituent of the Senator's and he has been actively interested in Downey's case) as well as a number of other items which were a matter of concern to us. The Senator said he could not understand why anyone would want to jeopardize the fate of these men for their own selfish interests. He said he would be interested in looking at both of these books. I advised him that our knowledge of the existence of the Wise/Ross book had been obtained quite indirectly and, therefore, was somewhat sensitive. Senator Dodd said he understood and would merely keep an eye out for these publications.

In the course of our conversation, we discussed the fact that Richard Starnes had written another article criticizing the Senator for his remarks concerning the Agency. Dodd asked what I thought about his responding to Starnes. I told him I thought he was in a much better position to respond now than at the time of Starnes' second column (when the Senator had decided against a reply). I also mentioned the existence of the Soviet article quoting Senator McCarthy's SATURDAY EVENING POST column but left the decision on this question to the Senator.

25X1 6. [] I left with Mrs. Phyllis Piotrow, Legislative Assistant to Senator Kenneth Keating, an unclassified paper on Czechoslovakia aid to Cuba. Mrs. Piotrow thanked us very much for the assistance []

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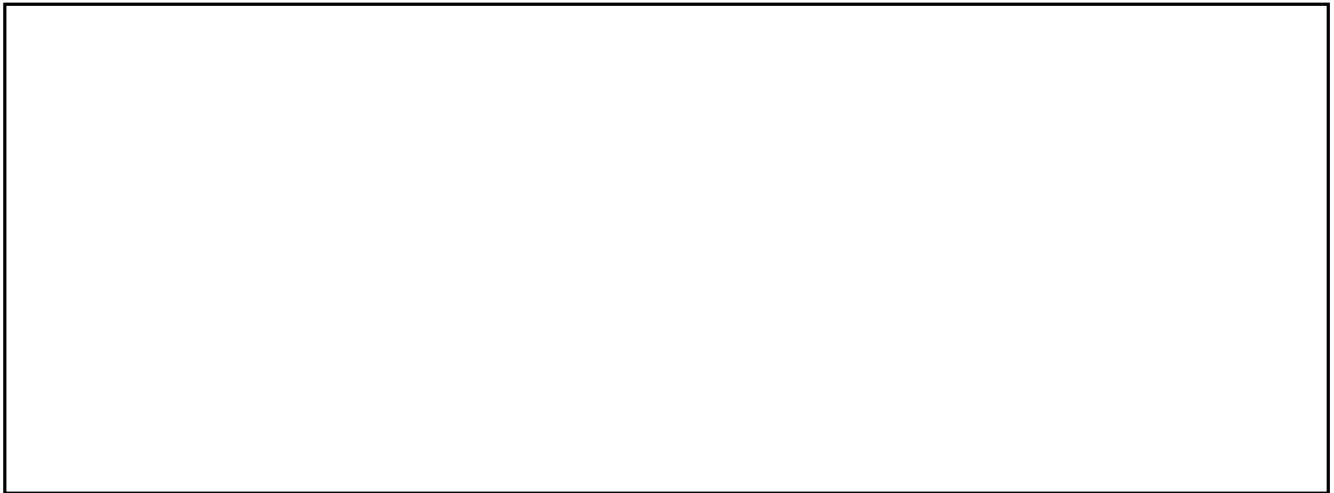
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